

## Life Only Comes Around Once

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
اِقْتَرَبَ لِلنَّاسِ حِسَابُهُمْ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مُّعْرِضُونَ.  
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
كُنْ فِي الدُّنْيَا كَأَنَّكَ غَرِيبٌ أَوْ عَابِرُ سَبِيلٍ.

Dear Muslims,

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty states, “The time of people’s judgment has drawn near, yet they are heedlessly turning away.”<sup>1</sup>

In the hadith I have read, our beloved Prophet (saw) says, “Be in this world as if you were a stranger or a traveler.”<sup>2</sup>

Dear Believers!

Life is like flowing water. A life begins with the adhan and ends with the sala like a leaf that turns green, then turns yellow and falls off. The sorrow of death is as real as the joy of birth, and a period of time has been allotted for all creation. With every breath we take, we are getting a little closer to that great day.

Dear Believers!

It is stated in the Holy Qur’an as follows: **ثُمَّ لَنَسْأَلَنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ** “Then, on that Day, you will definitely be questioned about your worldly pleasures.”<sup>3</sup> Right! There is an account we have to give about our life that is entrusted to us by our Lord (swt). We are going to be questioned about our numbered breaths, our health, and the blessings of the world. There is a book of deeds that records all

that we do, an infallible balance that will be established, and witnesses who will testify to the truth. On that day, an atom’s weight of good and an atom’s weight of evil will surely be recompensed.

Dear Muslims!

The world is a place of test and trial, and life is lived only once. Allah the Almighty (swt) will hold us to account for what we have done as well as what we have neglected and abandoned when we had the opportunity.

**الْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ عَلَىٰ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتُكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيهِمْ وَتَشْهَدُ أَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ**

Let us listen to our Lord (swt), Who states, “On this Day We will seal their mouths. Their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify to what they used to commit.”<sup>4</sup> and prepare for the Hereafter.

Let us compete in goodness and charity with the awareness that Allah is with us and He (swt) sees us every moment. Let us avoid all kinds of haram, evil, and unjust acts that violate the rights of other people. Let us show regret for our misdeeds and sins, and seek refuge in the vast mercy of Al-Rahman (the Entirely Merciful) through repentance and asking for forgiveness. May the Qur’an and Sunnah, faith and worship, good deeds and good morals guide our lives for a lifetime.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following verse: “O believers! Be mindful of Allah. Let every soul look to what deeds it has sent forth for tomorrow. And fear Allah, for certainly Allah is All-Aware of what you do.”<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Anbiya, 21/1.

<sup>2</sup> Bukhari, Riqaaq, 3.

<sup>3</sup> Takathur, 102/8.

<sup>4</sup> Ya-Sin, 36/65.

<sup>5</sup> Hashr, 59/18.